



Forensic Radiography at Teesside University

Our **PgCert, PgDip and MSc in Forensic Radiography** fulfil the new mandatory postgraduate education and training requirements of the College of Radiographers Forensic Radiography guidelines (2014).

What is forensic?

Forensic imaging is any radiology examination in which the images obtained will be used in a court of law. This includes skeletal surveys for Non-Accidental Injury, location of forensic evidence (drug smuggling, ballistic material) age assessments for illegal immigration or human trafficking, identification, and any imaging of the deceased.

Does forensic imaging require anything different?

Radiology examinations of forensic cases must have the appropriate documentation and statements (above and beyond record keeping for other imaging purposes) completed in order for the images to be admissible in court. In addition, the digital images obtained must also be produced according to the College of Radiographers forensic guidelines, which are based on how Police images are processed. This means that master and working copies should be produced to demonstrate the continuity of evidence of these images. If none of this has been done then the images produced (and the radiology report) will be inadmissible in court (will not be allowed to be used as evidence). You can imagine the implications of this for high-profile cases.

Next course starts: 11th September 2017

Some modules are available as stand-alone Short Awards.

Further information:

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This course can improve your service by:

Alerting radiographers to the medico-legal requirements of forensic imaging

Supporting radiographers to write protocols that are up-to-date and adheres to relevant guidance and legislation (will be critical for CQC Visits who have been reviewing NAI protocols and documentation).

Providing radiographers with the opportunity to give evidence in court and be cross-examined – preparation should they ever need to attend court

Encouraging radiographers to undertake forensic imaging safely, minimising potential risks to them and service users

Outlining the requirements for radiographers to be able to produce images that will be admissible in court

Applying evidence based practice in all areas of forensic imaging

All of this delivered by distance learning – no time off work for staff